

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.Report for the Month of JUNE, 1948.Issued by the Deputy Government Statistician (Mr. C.R.Muirson), Perth, 2/8/48.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

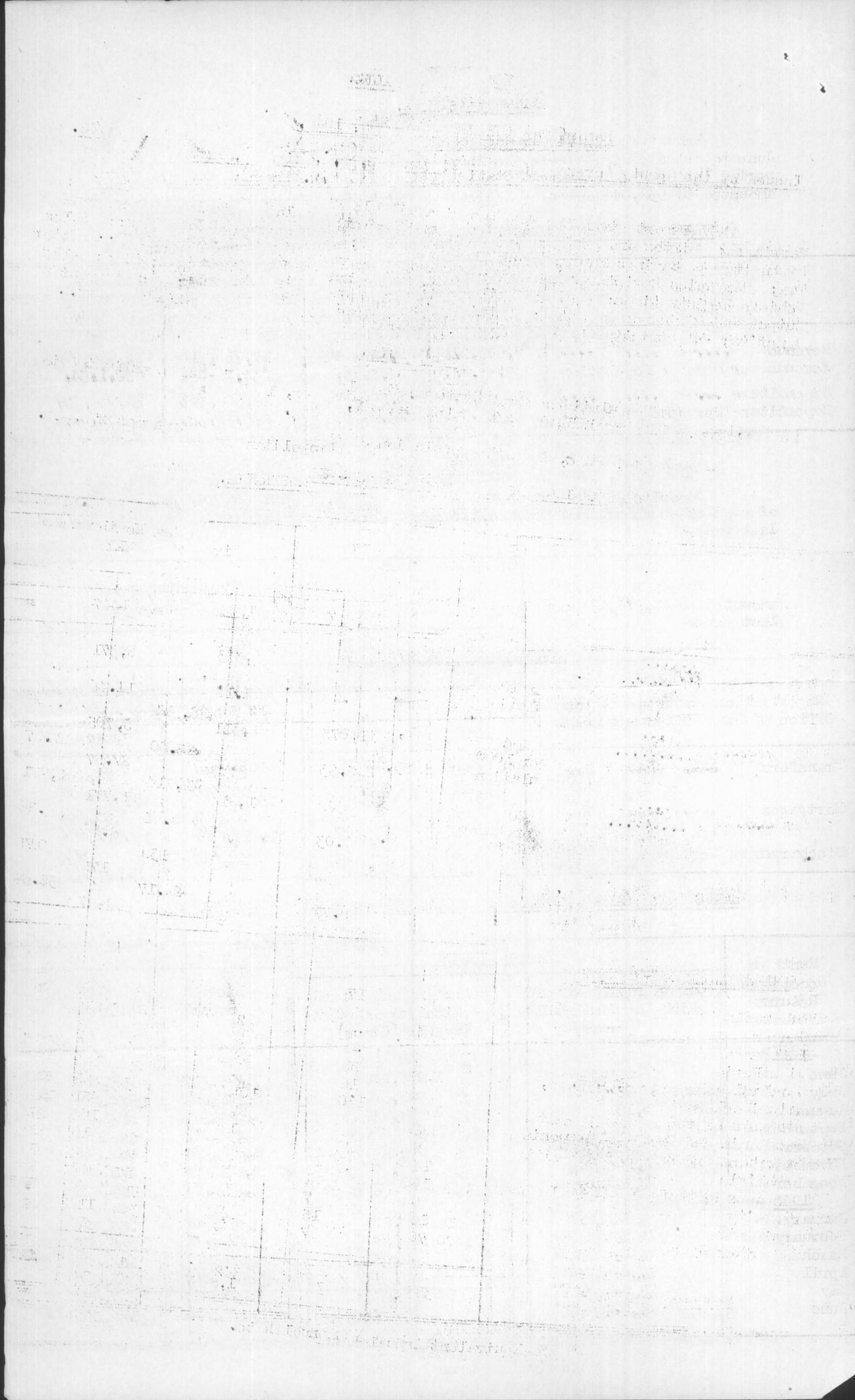
POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1947 was estimated to be 509,132, comprising 261,916 Males and 247,216 Females.

On 30th June, 1947 the population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,586.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	MAY		Five Months ended MAY	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Marriages	No.	345	382	2,363
	* Rate per 1000 of Population	7.93	8.96	11.12
Births	No.	1,037	1,075	5,311
	* Rate per 1000 of Population	23.85	25.23	25.00
Deaths	No.	384	342	1,814
	* Rate per 1000 of Population	8.83	8.03	8.54
Infant Mortality	No.	23	32	139
	Rate per 1000 Live Births	22.18	29.77	26.17
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis		17	8	69
Cancer		56	42	267
Influenza		-	2	-
Diphtheria		-	2	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		25	23	164
Arteriosclerosis		16	8	56
Diseases of the Heart		120	101	503
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia		26	27	109
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		2	1	9
Nephritis		14	18	68
Diseases of Early Infancy		10	21	79
Senility		9	7	27
Accidents		19	15	118
All Other Causes		70	67	342
TOTAL		384	342	1,814
				1,771



LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the six months ended June totalled 379,501 acres, an increase of 47,148 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 532,044 acres, a decrease of 3,350,988 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Revenue	£ 2,645,218	£ 2,150,048	£ 17,710,310	£ 14,980,875
Revenue per Head of Population	£5.3.0d.	£4.5.7d.	£34.16.5d.	£30.1.6d.
Expenditure ...	£ 1,865,126	£ 1,506,468	£ 18,062,393	£ 15,028,427
Expenditure Per Head of Popln.	£3.12.7d.	£3.0.0d.	£35.10.3d.	£30.3.5d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th June amounted to £36,182,591 or £70.6.9d. per head of population as against £36,625,137 or £72.17.0d. per head as at the 30th June, last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 30th June, 1948, amounted to £5,372,213, compared with £3,923,351 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Transfers	No. 1,591	No. 1,641	No. 17,371	No. 18,615
	£ 844,864	£ 826,723	£ 9,392,664	£ 9,568,890
Mortgages	No. 964	No. 922	No. 10,587	No. 10,566
	£ 920,279	£ 883,051	£ 10,203,459	£ 9,409,085
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 929	No. 941	No. 10,419	No. 9,799

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in Respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
<u>1947</u>	£	£	£	£
June	999,553	1,235,966	3,085,537	134,149
July	986,992	890,625	2,815,570	125,720
August	1,181,616	934,743	2,284,635	155,234
September	1,381,485	1,062,710	3,286,715	163,596
October	1,238,310	854,181	2,878,237	156,911
November	1,142,486	796,547	2,541,336	135,913
December	1,120,213	1,104,042	3,833,345	138,832
<u>1948</u>				
January	1,269,393	752,509	3,011,477	175,780
February	1,257,388	864,177	3,248,518	137,796
March	1,093,047	599,259	2,779,556	148,425
April	1,463,655	1,226,320	3,719,757	156,617
May	1,369,377	772,233	3,414,017	155,967
June	1,366,881	1,156,566	3,913,584	162,770

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

117 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,328,500 and 51 Foreign Companies were registered during the twelve months ended June, 1948. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 104 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,188,750 and 44 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	12 Months ended JUNE					
	1948			1947		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	15	£ 27,437	£ 4,710	23	£ 34,159	£ 18,475
Deeds of Assignment (a)	9	£ 15,127	£ 11,106	10	£ 14,457	£ 9,173
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Gross Earnings (£	376,600	372,300	4,254,000	3,715,400
Working Expenses (£	483,033	430,113	5,027,722	4,003,161
Train Miles Run	614,653	626,847	6,684,339	6,151,862
Passenger Journeys	1,123,670	1,129,304	12,691,017	12,509,678
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	250,736	245,128	2,495,306	2,220,236
Livestock	8,552	9,250	147,605	137,704
Departmental (Free Freight)	39,564	41,320	507,690	450,534
Total	298,852	295,698	3,150,601	2,808,474
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	36,860,996	37,190,749	365,865,553	318,585,382
Livestock	1,000,000	960,295	17,759,857	16,739,433
Departmental (Free Freight)	6,291,899	5,734,772	80,081,864	70,246,025
Total	44,152,895	43,885,816	463,707,274	405,570,840

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1946	No. 536	No. 328	No. 11	No. 422	No. 637	No. 718	No. 16	No. 513
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
January	74	27	1	49	140	124	5	80
February	112	44	2	72	246	151	6	97
March	173	51	6	92	337	159	9	126
April	202	40	3	67	394	147	9	101
May	150	53	6	60	311	163	13	86

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGNS.) *

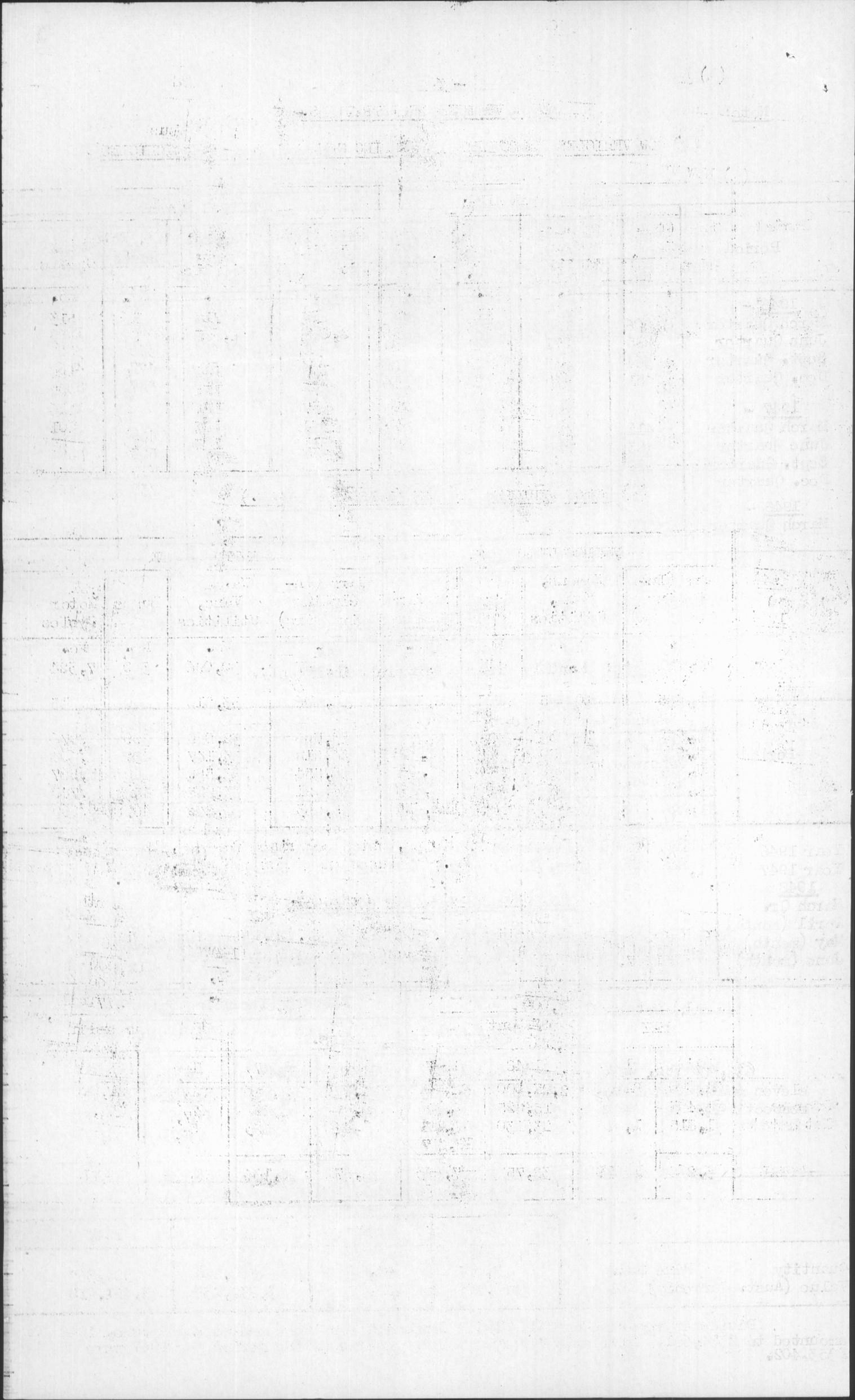
Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
1946	No. 19,770	No. 8,878	No. 243	No. 4,709	No. 31,777	No. 30,096	No. 319	No. 7,324
December 1947	21,425	10,075	271	5,321	34,096	33,210	379	8,213
December 1948	21,542	10,134	270	5,373	33,728	32,069	399	8,276
January	21,562	10,159	275	5,437	34,212	33,147	432	8,494
February	21,620	10,080	280	5,430	34,554	33,589	445	8,587
March	21,679	10,051	279	5,457	34,821	33,725	452	8,749
April	21,828	10,106	285	5,467	35,263	34,188	467	8,869

* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles, which comprised for May, 1948 - 111 Cars; 459 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses and 3 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Overseas).

Trade of Western Australia, May, 1948 and 1947, and 11 months ending May, 1948 and 1947, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	MAY		11 Months ended MAY		MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Oversea Interstate	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
	1,453	984	15,625	8,986	6,425	3,481	47,260	18,892
	1,815	1,986	23,130	18,907	446	653	5,271	4,666
TOTAL	3,268	2,970	38,755	27,893	6,871	4,134	52,531	23,558



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Houses & Other Dwellings (a)		Factories		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
<u>1946</u> -		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
March Quarter	206	168	7	5	26	21	239	194
June Quarter	295	271	15	41	35	40	345	352
Sept. Quarter	364	337	14	20	44	59	422	416
Dec. Quarter	451	445	16	16	40	72	507	533
<u>1947</u> -								
March Quarter	412	423	7	8	50	131	469	562
June Quarter	483	515	8	5	32	35	523	555
Sept. Quarter	670	699	9	17	40	66	719	782
Dec. Quarter	680	743	13	34	42	95	735	872
<u>1948</u> -								
March Quarter	504	552	4	4	88	76	596	632

(a) Excluding Owner-Built Dwellings.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.
(Excluding Owner-Built Homes)

Note: Monthly figures are preliminary only.

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946	572	£,000 634	174	£,000 133	339	£,000 278	224	£,000 171	1,309	£,000 1,216
Year 1947	1,088	1,340	237	188	850	788	59	45	2,234	2,361
<u>1948</u>										
March Qtr.	230	305	66	46	203	194	2	1	501	546
April (month)	112	(b)	6	(b)	64	(b)	-	-	182	(b)
May (month)	89	(b)	26	(b)	93	(b)	-	-	208	(b)
June (month)	98	(b)	22	(b)	91	(b)	1	(b)	212	(b)

(b) Not available.

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

636,265 lbs. were produced during May, 1948, and 14,767,326 lbs. for the eleven months ended May, 1948, as against 562,163 lbs. and 12,482,250 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1947.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

Quantity	Fine Qzs. Value (Aust. Currency)	JUNE		6 Months ended JUNE	
		1948	1947	1948	1947
		55,424	53,833	300,824	324,367
	£	596,502	579,374	3,237,738	3,491,010

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the 6 months ended June, 1948 amounted to £324,651. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1947 were £353,402.

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RIGHT SIDE

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

RIGHT SIDE

Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	6
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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	June		6 Months ended June		June Qr.		12 Months ended June	
	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947
Metropolitan Area	1243	1110	1207	1082	1238	1151	1204	1138
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1383	1242	1349	1214	1342	1253	1310	1237
Northam	1266	1128	1227	1099	1248	1160	1213	1145
Bunbury	1252	1111	1213	1082	1249	1163	1216	1149
Geraldton	1276	1136	1236	1107	1300	1209	1265	1197
Collic	1261	1124	1222	1096	1191	1107	1158	1093

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.
(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947</u>			
April	102,697	35,266	137,963
May	103,356	35,479	138,835
June	103,935	35,542	139,477
July	104,271	35,640	139,911
August	104,124	35,816	139,940
September	105,208	35,888	141,096
October	105,646	35,924	141,570
November	105,849	36,308	142,157
December	106,764	36,645	143,409
<u>1948</u>			
January	106,732	36,366	143,098
February	106,519	36,527	143,046
March	107,574	36,832	144,406
April	108,141	36,908	145,049
May	109,227	36,880	146,107

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1944	1945	1946	1947(a)	1948(a)	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
January	137	142	145	162	168	826	870	995	1134	1233
February	138	142	148	164	168	824	868	1016	1138	1249
March	139	144	151	166	170	825	877	1045	1145	1264
April	139	144	153	167	171	827	876	1051	1144	1264
May	140	144	154	168	174	832	891	1069	1151	1277
June	139	145	154	167		829	903	1087	1153	
July	140	146	157	167(a)		832	899	1096	1168	
August	140	145	159	167		832	897	1109	1181	
Sept.	140	143	160	169		834	914	1114	1172	
October	140	141	161	169		837	929	1118	1184	
November	141	141	158	167		851	965	1133	1215	
December	142	145	163	168		886	1012	1165	1267	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1947 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947</u>									
January	483	8	491	668	17	685	1,001	26	1,027
February	396	12	408	559	15	574	838	23	861
March	459	13	472	549	13	562	748	23	771
April	342	3	345	314	8	322	776	18	794
May	454	11	465	481	15	496	749	14	763
June	347	10	357	352	7	359	744	17	761
July (a)	404	12	416	366	14	380	782	15	797
Aug. (a)	355	10	365	538	10	548	599	15	614
Sept. (a)	181	5	186	286	5	291	494	15	509
Oct. (a)	179	6	185	233	5	238	440	16	456
Nov. (a)	175	12	187	249	10	259	366	18	384
Dec. (a)	185	7	192	132	10	142	419	15	434
<u>1948</u>									
Jan. (a)	335	4	339	392	9	401	362	10	372
Feb. (a)	130	5	135	183	8	191	309	7	316
March (a)	112	3	115	132	2	134	289	8	297
April (a)	93	4	97	143	2	145	239	10	249

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	19,663	18,175	223,961	201,025
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	16,969	15,970	191,473	171,704

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
June, 1948	13,963	334	37,791	6,995
June, 1947	12,810	674	34,481	6,982
6 Months ended June, 1948	46,978	1,527	295,103	55,424
6 Months ended June, 1947	46,967	2,019	351,335	61,951

